

WASHINGTON TENTH IN NEW BUILDING BEGUN IN MARCH

Figures Show Step Forward
Over Average of Past
Year.

Washington is tenth among the cities of the United States in point of new building commenced during the month of March, according to figures compiled by Construction News from official reports from seventy-three cities. For the year, 1911, this city stood eleventh, so that the month's statement shows a step forward over the average for the past year. None of these figures include Government building in Washington, the reference being to private enterprises entirely.

Although the figures indicate a movement up the column of cities, they also show that the new building commenced in Washington in March, 1912, was 22 per cent less than that started in the same month a year ago. In the country at large there was a gain of 6 per cent for the month as compared with the same month of 1911.

There were losses in forty-one and gains in thirty-two cities. In New York, Brooklyn, and Boston, as well as Pittsburgh, building was extremely active, reflecting increases of 80, 76, 36, 60 per cent respectively. It has been some time since anything like this increase has been shown.

The figures for some of the leading cities are as follows:

Cities—	1912. Estim. Cost.	1911. Estim. Cost.
New York (Brooklyn and Bronx).....	\$10,542,444	\$10,561,900
Boston (Metro. Dist.).....	9,131,000	6,722,000
Chicago.....	4,686,485	2,668,282
Brooklyn.....	3,891,886	5,581,286
Philadelphia.....	3,249,120	2,992,700
San Francisco.....	1,782,441	1,899,648
Portland, Ore.....	1,517,452	1,039,801
Pittsburgh.....	1,348,128	865,815
Rochester.....	1,181,128	1,966,727
Washington, D. C.....	1,181,128	2,297,198
St. Louis.....	1,174,790	1,214,790
Milwaukee.....	998,230	1,214,790
Cleveland.....	948,395	1,214,790
Cincinnati.....	848,395	1,214,790
Seattle.....	790,234	1,027,328
Hartford.....	772,790	286,046
New Haven.....	698,426	335,296
Newark.....	672,146	918,878
New Orleans.....	616,790	896,460
Springfield, Mass.....	598,426	718,650
Oakland, Cal.....	572,146	918,878
Kansas City.....	516,790	896,460
Denver.....	498,426	718,650
Baltimore.....	461,375	1,047,860
Indianapolis.....	458,780	1,721,514
Richmond.....	408,426	629,778

During the month permits were taken out in seventy-three cities for the construction of 17,580 buildings, representing an investment of \$23,362,539, as against 21,771 buildings, involving a total investment of \$20,190,239, for the corresponding month a year ago, a decrease of 4,111 buildings and a gain of \$4,101,860, or 6 per cent.

Realty Transfers

Elliston Terrace—Wade Goodwin et ux. to Edgar A. Miller, lot 30, block 3, \$10. Alley between 1 and K, Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, northwest—Anton Lerch et ux. to Achille C. Burklin, part lot 5, square 288, \$10.
Chichester—Edgar T. Phillips et ux. to James K. M. Norton, lot 1, block 3, lots 8, 10, 14, block 1, and lot 5, square 5788, \$10.
Massachusetts Avenue Heights—American Security and Trust Company et al., trustees, to Joseph A. Carey, lot 6, square 2102, \$10.
Cleveland Park—Harry A. Kite et ux. to Arthur B. and Maude J. Hiley, lot 14, square 2084, \$10.
Leifvold Park—Paul V. Mitchell et al., trustees, to Charles E. Tribby, lot 40, block 5, \$5,000.

IRRIGATION DAM IS NEARING COMPLETION

More Than 180,000 Acres Of Land
On Rio Grande To Be
Reclaimed.

The conversion of the permanent headquarters of the Reclamation Service at the Engle dam on the Rio Grande river into a health resort is indicated in bids that have been received for the lease of the property on the completion of the big reclamation project. C. J. Blanchard, stationer of the Reclamation Service, has just returned from a trip to this project. The proposed dam, which will be completed in five years, will be 265 feet and will hold back a lake forty miles long and from one to five miles wide, holding 2,000,000 acre feet of water. This project, the largest in the United States, involves the building of a reservoir twice as large as the famous Assuan reservoir in Egypt, and will water 180,000 acres of land. This land, when irrigated, will cost settlers about \$60 an acre. The entire project, which is now completed in five years, and on which thirteen months have been spent, will cost about \$9,000,000.

Forestry Students Visit Washington

Thirty students of the Baltimore, N. C., forest school, will spend the week in Washington inspecting the office of the United States Forest Service. Dr. Raphael Zon gave a lecture for their benefit today at Dr. H. D. Howe and will speak tomorrow. The Baltimore school was founded by Dr. C. A. Schenk, who for many years was forester on the William K. Vanderbilt estate at Baltimore.

The forestry students spend several months each year in lumber camps. They have just returned from the paper pulp mills in the Adirondacks, and will go to Newbern, N. C.; Cadillac, Mich.; and then to Oregon, after completing the visit here. October 1 they sail for Darmstadt, Germany, to study paper mills and lumber camps there.

George McWilliams Dead.

George McWilliams, a structural ironworker, who was injured at the Union Station about a year ago, died at his home, 535 Fourth street northeast, yesterday. McWilliams was a native of Washington and is survived by his parents. Funeral ceremonies will be held at St. Aloysius Church tomorrow morning at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

LOCAL MENTION

"A Victim of Alcohol," Great 3-Reel feature today, Virginia, 8, F. G.

Shower Bath, Stag Hotel, 608 9th. Great

HERBERT SNOWDEN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

President of Alexandria City Council and Candidate for Nomination for Mayor Has Been in Semi-Conscious Condition for Past Tw Days.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 15.

The condition of Hubert Snowden, president of the city council and a candidate for nomination for mayor, is so grave this morning as to give his friends the most serious apprehension. Although not a well man physically for some years past, the strenuous campaign in which he has engaged, caused him to collapse. For the past two days he has remained in a semi-conscious condition, attended constantly by Dr. Edgar Snowden, of Washington, and Dr. Arthur Snowden, of this city.

About a year ago Mr. Snowden, who was proprietor of the Alexandria Gazette, was compelled through failing health, to dispose of the property, feeling that he was not able to give it his attention. His condition improved somewhat thereafter, and he announced himself as a candidate for mayor. The week incident to the campaign proved too great for him, however, and he was obliged to take to his bed.

Harry B. Mundy and Miss Isabella Slaughter, a well-known and prominent young Alexandria couple, were married at the bride's residence, 922 King street this afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harry M. Carter, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The groom is a Southern Railway train dispatcher. They will make their residence in this city.

Report was made to the police this morning by J. Burkitt, an Alexandria county farmer, of the theft of a valuable horse from his place. The horse occurred about 4 a. m.

Mrs. D. W. Foster, wife of D. W. Foster, of Fairfax county, was killed at her home in Lincoln late last

TWO CARDINALS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY

Archbishops Gibbons and O'Connell Coming to Catholic University Conference.

Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinal O'Connell will both be in the city Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Catholic University. It will be the first meeting of the two since the Boston prelate was given the red hat.

The trustees are scheduled to discuss many important questions relative to the plans for the enlargement of the university. Cardinal Gibbons who was here yesterday for confirmation at St. Augustine's will come here again next Sunday to confirm a class at St. Stephen's.

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night. She was about sixty-five years of age, and is survived by seven children. Funeral services will be held from St. Paul's Church, in the county, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Officials of the chamber of commerce are somewhat incensed at what they term an "unreasonable increase" in the freight rate of the Chesapeake and Potomac Steamboat Company, plying between Washington and Baltimore, which went into effect today. It is stated that in the case of several classifications of freight the rate has been practically doubled.

John Jordan, an employee of the Southern railway, was taken to Alexandria Hospital this morning, suffering from a broken ankle, sustained while he was at work at the round house.

The circuit court for Alexandria county, Judge J. B. T. Thorton, presiding, will convene today, at which time it is expected the judge will announce the proposed changes. He said the work resulted in part from an attempt to bring about uniform classification of freight shipments over the entire country. Referring to the preliminary work he said that representatives of 22 commercial organizations had appeared before the committee itself and had been heard on the proposed changes. He denied there had ever been star chamber sessions to permit one locality to get ahead of another.

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CONTRACT FOR POUND TO BE LET SHORTLY

Expected Work On New Building Will Be Started About May 1.

Within a few days the contract for the new pound, plans for which recently were drawn by Municipal Architect Ashford, will be let, and work upon the new building will begin about May 1.

Plans for the new structure call for a site on the Government reservation, bordering the James Creek canal, and besides being used for a pound will serve the District as a stable for the horses of the Health Department.

The present pound is an obsolete structure on New York avenue, near Twenty-third street northwest, where last year 4,467 stray dogs were killed. The dogs are fed one meal of meat per day, water being kept in the pens during the winter. The dogs are killed by charcoal fumes.

FIGHT BEGUN ANEW ON RATE INCREASES OF WESTERN ROADS

Interstate Commerce Commission Hears Arguments on Classification No. 51.

The second round of a fight against increases in freight rates in all territory west of the Mississippi river began before the Interstate Commerce Commission this morning when hearing was begun on the suspension of Western classification No. 51. The new classification embraces 1,400 advances in rates, minimum weights or changes in classification.

R. C. Fife, chairman of the western classification committee, made the opening statement in defense of the proposed changes. He said the work resulted in part from an attempt to bring about uniform classification of freight shipments over the entire country. Referring to the preliminary work he said that representatives of 22 commercial organizations had appeared before the committee itself and had been heard on the proposed changes. He denied there had ever been star chamber sessions to permit one locality to get ahead of another.

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Dr. Hollingsworth Buried.

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AUTOMOBILE CLUB COMPLETES PLANS FOR HOME OPENING

Meeting Will Also Be Held to Arrange Sociability Run.

By HARRY WARD.

The opening tonight of the country home of the Automobile Club of Washington, coupled with a meeting of the board of governors to complete arrangements for the club's sociability run May 18, is expected to bring out the full membership. The club house has been renovated throughout and E. H. Johansen, chairman of the house committee, has added many little conveniences that will be appreciated by the members.

After acting on a number of applications for membership the board of governors will take up the plans for the sociability run. Capt. Rudolph Jose and Lieut. Gardner Orme have been busy the last few days inspecting the proposed course of the run, preparing rules governing the event and all that remains is the official sanction of the board of governors, which it is expected will be given tonight.

Entry blanks will be issued immediately and an active campaign to secure a large number of entrants will be made.

The Commercial Automobile and Supply Company reports the sale of M-F touring cars to Irving R. Baum and George C. Bowman, an M-F demolition to Dr. I. S. Stone.

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speed king, previously held all three of these records, having made them at Milwaukee September 15, 1910. Disbrow's records are official, as the meet was sanctioned by the three A. S. P. J. Walker, a member of the contest board, being the referee.

Earle & Allen have been appointed Washington agents for the Simplex. Their line also includes the Hupp-Yeats electric and R. C. H. gasoline car. The Simplex has many world's records to its credit.

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Two Boys Are Held For Robbing Saloon

William Hardy and Joseph Marks, two sixteen-year-old boys, held at the House of Detention on a charge of attempting to rob the saloon of Michael O'Donohue, Seventh and I streets southwest, will be arraigned in the Juvenile Court tomorrow on charges of house-breaking.

Early yesterday morning Policeman J. S. Miller, of the Fourth precinct, noticed two boys standing in the doorway of the saloon. He gave chase as the boys ran, and says he saw them dropping whisky bottles and cigarettes. When they refused to halt he fired, the bullet striking Hardy in the leg. The other boy got away. Later in the day the police arrested the Marks boy at his home in Georgia avenue. Hardy was not seriously wounded.

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